

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 14-16, 17-18 and 30-32 have been cancelled, and claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 19, 20, 23, 26 and 28 have been amended. Claims 3-13 and 19-29 are pending.

In the Advisory Action, it is indicated that the amendment filed April 11, 2005 was not entered because it raised new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. Specifically, it is stated "that the addition of 'receiving the at least one managed object selection and the task selection via the graphical user interface' and other claim limitations that were added after-final and were not present as of the final rejection, require further search and consideration." It is respectfully submitted that, for the reasons briefly stated below, this statement in the Advisory Action is incorrect and that the previous amendment in fact was entitled to full consideration. Nonetheless, the present amendment is presented in lieu of the previous amendment so as to demonstrably avoid any new issues at this stage of prosecution, and it is respectfully urged that this amendment is entitled to full consideration by the Examiner.

With respect to the previous amendment filed April 11, 2005, it is respectfully noted that claim 1 as originally presented recited the step of "receiving at least one managed object selection and receiving a task selection to apply to the at least one managed object selection." Furthermore, claim 2 as originally presented recited "displaying the master view definition on the graphical user interface such that a user of the computer system can provide the at least one managed object selection and a task selection that are received in the step of receiving." It is respectfully pointed out that these two claim elements in combination are equivalent to the element "receiving the at least one managed object selection and the task selection via the graphical user interface" appearing in claim 3 as presented in the amendment of April 11. Thus, this element of amended claim 3 did not in fact raise any new issues, and was deserving of full consideration. Similar considerations apply to independent claims 19 and 30-31 of that amendment.

However, in the interest of eliminating any possible doubt with respect to the raising of new issues, claims 3 and 19 have been re-written in independent form in a strictly literal manner in this amendment. With respect to claim 3, for example, the text of claims 1 and 2 (from which claim 3 previously depended) has been inserted into claim 3 exactly as written, and the text of claim 3 has not been amended at all except to remove the dependent-claim reference to claim 2. Thus, it should be clear that claim 3 as currently presented is identical in scope to claim 3 as originally presented, and thus cannot possibly raise any new issues. The same considerations apply to independent claim 19. Note that independent claims 30 and 31 have been cancelled and thus no longer present any issues at all.

The rejection of claims 3 and 19 in view of Rangarajan and Besaw as set forth in the final Office Action is respectfully traversed. The Examiner is referred to the Remarks section of the previous amendment filed April 11, 2005, all of which is equally pertinent to claims 3 and 19 as presented herein as it was to claims 3 and 19 as presented in the previous amendment. Based on the facts and conclusions presented in those Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Rangarajan and Besaw cannot render claims 3 or 19 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and therefore these claims are allowable in view of these references. The remaining claims depend from either claim 3 or 19 and therefore are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the same Remarks.


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application complies with all statutory requirements and is therefore allowable. Favorable action is respectfully requested. If there are any issues which might have been inadvertently raised in this amendment or otherwise remain to be addressed, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney to resolve such issues in the interest of efficiently advancing the prosecution of this application.

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